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Rebuff To France
THE Saar has voted against independence and "Europeanisation" and has chosen instead to be tied to Germany. This is the conclusion to be drawn from the weekend vote. It is tempting to describe the result as "surprising" or "a shock." In fact it is neither, though it is regrettable in the extreme.

Last January M. Mendes-France, then Premier of France, and Dr Konrad Adenauer agreed to "share" the Saar by offering the territory an independent European status. It was hoped that this solution would end once and for all a problem which had bedevilled Franco-German relations for over 300 years. M. Mendes-France went so far as to make the Saar statute the main condition for French agreement to West German rearmament. Observers point out that as a result of the weekend vote this agreement has been undermined and that new friction is likely to arise between the two countries.

In the past the Germans have always maintained that failing the establishment of a European community, they would never accept as permanent a solution which left 950,000 Saarlanders (who are undoubtedly German) outside the Fatherland. The French for their part could never accept any development that threatened to break up the marriage between Saar coal and Lorraine iron and steel which buttresses the French economy against superior German economic resources. This is the crux of the Saar problem. Earlier this year the French stated emphatically that the Saar resources should never be allowed to pass under the control of a rearmed Germany. Now Germany is rearming and the only possible conclusion to be drawn from the weekend referendum is that the Saar ultimately will gravitate back to Germany. To this extent it is a rebuff to French aspirations.

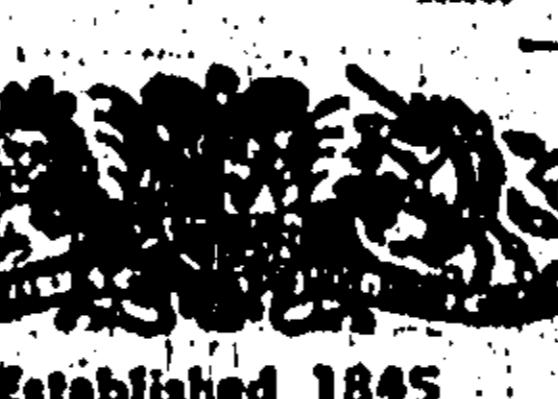
It is of prime importance therefore that a new meeting between M. Faure and Dr Adenauer be held as soon as possible. If the outcome is nothing more than an exchange of assurances that no impetuous action will be taken by either side, there is some hope that this question can be settled under a new agreement. With general elections pending in France, an attempt should be made to hammer out a mutually agreeable solution before the end of this year. Otherwise there is the danger that the hustings it may be inflated into a serious international issue. Western unity is the important consideration for both countries to keep in mind.

Bao Dai Goes

Nearer to Hongkong there was another referendum this weekend. In this vote Premier Ngo Dinh Diem was confirmed as head of state of South Vietnam. This undoubtedly presages the formal deposition of the former emperor, Bao Dai who has long shown himself incapable of bringing unity to his troubled country. It is doubtful whether Mr Diem is an ideal substitute although the voting figures appear impressive.

The chronic problem which the referendum does not solve at all is the sectional feuding which has gravely weakened central authority and undermined the country's political and economic stability. Mr Diem's resounding vote might be welcomed if it heralded an end to these debilitating problems. But in fact it does nothing of the sort. The Premier possibly gains some increased prestige in his own country, but that—and an assurance of continued American aid—is about all.

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SAAR STATUTE REJECTED

Voters' Decisive "No" To European Status

A TWO TO ONE MAJORITY

Saarbruecken, Oct. 23.

Six hundred thousand German-speaking Saarlanders today decisively rejected a plan to "Europeanise" their rich coal and steel territory under an independent commissioner.

In a referendum they threw out the European Statute drawn up a year ago by France and Germany in a bid to settle their long standing quarrel over who should rule the tiny 967-square mile valley.

Final figures (provisional) in the plebiscite were:

Yes: 212,973
No: 423,434
Not valid: 15,726

The rejection by an almost exact 2-1 vote is a great victory for Dr Schneider, 48-year-old former Nazi storm trooper who led the anti-Statute forces and a rebuff for 64-year-old Saar Premier, Herr Johannes Hoffmann, who had urged adoption of the Statute.

Dr Schneider, a member of the Nazi Party and Saar expert in the Prussian Interior Ministry until the Nazis expelled him in 1937, led the pro-German parties' opposition to the Statute on the grounds it would make separation from Germany permanent.

Rallied by Dr Schneider, Chairman of the Democratic Party of the Saar, the Saarlanders turned out in their thousands today and it was estimated that about 90 per cent of those eligible voted.

Under the Statute the Saar, at present economically linked with France which controls defence and foreign affairs, would have gained local autonomy under the independent commissioner pending a peace treaty with Germany from which the Saar was separated in 1945.

1945 VOTE

With the rejection the status quo is expected to return and pro-German parties may be banned, as they were until July this year when they were allowed to come out into the open for the referendum campaign.

In a plebiscite in 1945, when Saarlanders had a choice of union with Germany, union with France or remaining under the League of Nations, there was a 90.30 per cent vote in favour of union with Germany. The vote was for Germany 477,119, for the League 36,513, for France 2,135, invalid 2,249.

Calm reigned in the streets late tonight in spite of forecasts by the Saar police chief that there would be demonstrations tomorrow, his Socialist Opposition leader, Erich Ollenhauer, tonight called for immediate election of a new Saar legislature (Landtag).

ALL PEACEFUL

A few hundred people gathered on Saarbruecken's main street but all was peaceful.

The anti-Statute parties published a statement tonight before the final result of the vote was out saying that the people of the Saar had:

1. Declared their desire for self-determination.

2. Declared their will to rejoin Germany.

3. Showed that they wanted to put an end to the economic union with France.

4. Rejected the Hoffman regime.

They called on the present parliament to dissolve itself so that a new government could be constituted. This new government would then resume negotiations on the future of the Saar.

The parties said that today's vote was not a vote against France. They called on the Western European Union to continue to guarantee the exercise of political freedom of the Saar.

SENDS CABLES

Earlier Dr Schneider, who hailed the result as a "victory for Germany," sent telegrams to Dr Thomas Dehler, Chairman of the Free Democratic Party, second largest in Dr Konrad Adenauer's government coalition, to Herr Jacob Kaiser the Christian Democratic Minister for all German Affairs, and Herr A. Peter Altmeyer, Christian Democratic Premier of the bordering West German state of Rheinland-Palatinate.

The total votes cast were 641,182—90.7 per cent of the electorate. Reuter.

Saar Government Premier Resigns

Saarbruecken, Oct. 24.

The government-controlled Saar radio announced today that the Premier of the Saar government, Johannes Hoffmann, had resigned.

The announcement followed a midnight emergency session of the Saar Cabinet.

Informants said it discussed whether Herr Hoffmann should resign as a result of the smashing defeat in Sunday's referendum. The Heimatbund urged in a statement issued tonight the dissolution of the present Saar Diet, resignation of the Government of

Premier Johannes Hoffmann, and new Diet election.

The statement said the rejection of a "European status" for the Saar "is not a vote against France. It has created, on the contrary, conditions for lasting friendship with that country."

The organization asked France to respect the decision of the Saar people. The pro-German parties represented in the Heimatbund are the Christian Democrats, the German Socialist Party, and the Democratic Party—United Press and France-Presse.

Adenauer "Deeply Disturbed"

Bonn, Oct. 23.

Jubilant Bonn foes of the Saar statute declared a "victory for Germany and Europe" tonight and a "deeply disturbed" Chancellor Konrad Adenauer ordered his Cabinet to meet in an emergency session tomorrow.

While Dr Adenauer, worriedly following plebiscite returns from his sickbed, decreed a special sitting of his Cabinet under the acting Chancellor, Franz Bluecher, for tomorrow, his Socialist Opposition leader, Erich Ollenhauer, tonight called for immediate election of a new Saar legislature (Landtag).

Herr Ollenhauer and Thomas Dehler, chairman of the Anti-Statute Free Democrats, joined forces in declaring the apparently landslide victory of the pro-German parties at the Saar a "victory for Germany and Europe."

While the most fierce opponents of the Saar statute in the West German Parliament—the Socialists and Free Democrats—already had announced the defeat of the projected "European" solution of the Saar problem, Dr Adenauer and his government still kept quiet.

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Tomorrow his Cabinet will thrash out a formal statement after a discussion of the plebiscite results, officials said.

The Foreign Minister, Heinrich von Brentano, now on his way to Paris, will confer there tomorrow with his Western colleagues on the "tricky" question "What now?"—United Press.

FINAL ASSAULT

Rabat, Oct. 23.

French infantry columns, backed by aircraft, attacked steep slopes in the Riff mountains of French Morocco today to reconquer the last important area still held by rebel tribesmen.

Military sources summing up the mountain situation after three weeks said serious rebel resistance had collapsed, but mopping-up could be expected to continue for a long time.

Reuter.

Hospitality For Newsmen

Saarbruecken, Oct. 23.

The Saar Government presented each of 300 journalists covering the Saar plebiscite with five cigars, 20 cigarettes and a bar of chocolate.

In addition, a free meal and free beer and wine were served to all journalists watching the official scoreboard in the Parliament building. Outside, 20 policemen patrolled the grounds of the Parliament building to keep out demonstrators—China Mail.

But officials, who had been in telephone contact with the pneumonia-ridden Chancellor at his nearby residence, now revealed that the 78-year-old statesman and leader, supporter of the statute was "deeply disturbed" and "extremely worried."

It was believed that a crisis had been reached within the royal family and that Margaret would at last have to make a definite stand about her future when her sister

CYPRUS OUTRAGES

Curfew At Limassol Restored

Nicosia, Oct. 23.

A bomb exploded in Limassol, second largest town in Cyprus, tonight one hour after British authorities reinforced a dusk to dawn curfew.

More than 40,000 people, including about 200 British families, were sent behind the closed doors of their homes at sunset today as a dusk to dawn curfew was re-imposed on the island's two major towns, Limassol and Famagusta.

The curfews were imposed as a measure of mass punishment following incidents in the two towns in the past three days, in which eight people, including four Britons, were injured, three of them seriously. British citizens living within the curfewed towns are mainly Service families.

An Army spokesman stated it was not practical at this stage to arrange their exemption from the curfew. But if the situation worsens, it was understood that plans would be made to move them into guarded areas outside the towns.

MOBILE PATROLS

The municipal authorities of both towns have made repeated protests against the curfew, stating it had a damaging effect on many businesses.

British troops and police maintained mobile patrols in Nicosia's Greek quarters all day today, and intensified them as dusk fell.

Elaborate security measures will be enforced at Nicosia court tomorrow morning as the assize court trial begins of Michael Karassis, 33-year-old government official charged with the murder of a police constable, Herodotus Poullis, on Nicosia's main street on August 28.

Chief Justice Sir Eric Hallinan, who will preside over the assizes, informed the Nicosia Bar Association yesterday that all members of the bench and bar and all court officers should be searched before entering the court.

CJ INCLUDED

Sir Eric also informed the association that he insists that he himself should not be exempt from this search.

The reason for this measure was that: "Should any incident accompanied by violence occur at the trial, any possibility of suspicion falling on anyone connected with the administration of justice should not be excluded."

A Turkish special constable, Medjy Seylik, was seriously injured in Limassol when a grenade at

the constable was cycling to duty within the Greek sector of Limassol when a bomb burst behind him. He was rushed to hospital—Reuter.

Ike Loses Weight

Denver, Oct. 23.

President Eisenhower stood upright unaided today for the first time since his heart attack. The scales showed that he had dropped four pounds in the month since he has been in hospital—Reuter.

The 18-year-old girl rounded up with the youths refused to take a lie detector test but the police said they believed she knew nothing and attached no significance to her refusal—United Press.

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Sheriff Joseph Lohman said the man was found at Taswell, Tennessee, asleep in his car. Sheriff Lohman said the man, described as a Chicago resident about 27 years old, had been here at the time of the slaying last week.

Sheriff Lohman declined to say what connection the man might have with the crime. He said the man would be given a lie detector test tomorrow morning.

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The group captain, most talked about man in Britain, stayed all day at his flat in Lowndes Square, London. He answered the door once to tell reporters he did not intend to go out until this evening.

But, as always, he declined to name his destination—Reuter.

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SYRIA RUSHES TROOPS TO ISRAELI BORDER

Tension Grows In Middle East

London, Oct. 23.

Syria rushed reinforcements to her heavily fortified 50-mile border with Israel today after a violent clash last night deepened the already growing tension between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

The Syrians said an Israeli unit penetrated half a mile into Syria, stopped two Syrian patrol cars, took five men prisoners, and then killed a Syrian officer and two soldiers before being driven off.

Israel said the Syrians had been holding four Israelis for months and had kidnapped another in a series of recent raids. The raid was held to be a "retaliatory" attack.

RED ARMS UNLOADING AT ALEXANDRIA

Cairo, Oct. 23.

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NASSER ACCUSES UNITED NATIONS

Not Dealing Effectively With Problems EGYPT DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT BANDUNG ACCORD

Cairo, Oct. 23. Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Premier today accused the United Nations on the 19th anniversary of its Charter for not "dealing effectively" with the problems of Palestine, North Africa and "mad armaments policies."

The Premier added: "Nor had the United Nations taken any decisive action in problems which came in the wake of the atomic bomb threatening humanity as does with unspeakable horrors."

Egypt is determined to implement the Bandung (Afro-Asian) conference resolutions foremost among which is full adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter."

Egypt would also advocate and support the right of every people to self-determination and would continue to pursue her policy aimed at avoiding all causes for discord through adherence to blocs.

He said that although the United Nations Organisation had succeeded in solving a number of problems in giving the world's peoples a universal declaration of human rights, "it has not effectively dealt with several cases such as the problems of Palestine, North Africa and mad armaments policies." — Reuter.

US FOREIGN AID DOWN LAST YEAR

Washington, Oct. 23. Net United States foreign aid during the 12 months which ended on June 30 was \$4,600 million, the Commerce Department announced today.

This was \$700 million less than in the previous fiscal year.

The department attributed the decrease to a 28 per cent drop in military aid to Europe.

Other types of aid increased by 23 per cent during the 12 months.

These other types of aid, including relief shipments, developmental help and technical assistance, and cash payments for the support of French troops in Indo-China, totalled 1,900,000,000 dollars in the fiscal year 1955.

The cash payments for the support of troops in Indo-China was classed as non-military help because it was considered to be financial assistance to France and the three Indo-Chinese states, replacing sums spent by them of their troops.

Cash payments of this type to France during the fiscal year which ended on June 30 totalled more than 500 million dollars.

The decline in military aid deliveries of goods and services applied mostly to Western European countries, the report said. Since 1953 shipments of military aid have fallen off by approximately 50 per cent. — Reuter.

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Alleged Spies Arrested

Paris, Oct. 23.

The Polish PAP news agency reported tonight that two "spies" working for an "American intelligence centre" in Oberursel, near Frankfurt, West Germany, have been arrested in Poland.

The Polish news agency said the "spies," Ignatius Djiluzuk and Czeslaw Blaidsky, had entered Poland illegally last September on an espionage mission.

Djiluzuk was "specially instructed to gather military information," PAP said. — France Presse.

COLD SHOULDER

Friedland, Oct. 23.

A small stack of telegrams were waiting at Friedland Camp for prisoners returning here under the Soviet amnesty to tell them "Please do not come back to me."

Camp officials said these telegrams came from women who had not heard from their husbands until early this year and who had married another man in the meantime. — China Mail Special.

POP



US Accepts Italy Into Family Of 'Big Powers'



ASSIGNED THE KEY ROLE IN MEDITERRANEAN

Rome, Oct. 23.

The United States took Italy into the family of "big powers" today in a move designed to bolster this strategic peninsula against communism and neutralism.

The key new role assigned to Italy on the world stage was the major upshot of a 20-hour visit which turned into a big personal triumph for US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

With an eye on the chaotic situation in the Mediterranean and Middle East and the constant pressure on Italy's democratic leaders at home, Mr. Dulles agreed on the Italian plea for more consultations on world affairs, especially on the crises rocking this area.

Hailing Italy as "one of the great powers" and "important," Mr. Dulles touched a chord which proved music to the ears of the hard-pressed Government of Christian Democrat Antonio Segni. His statements praising Italy produced the biggest, blackest bannerlines in Italy since the Trieste crisis.

A Toast

Italy's anti-Communists toasted Mr. Dulles in glowing phrases.

"A man who makes good sense," said President Giovanni Gronchi.

Mr. Roques said: "We welcome and peaceful gesture," but added that the Philippines should make a thorough study of the offer before accepting it.

Mr. Chou En-lai offered to sign a non-aggression pact with the Philippines. In an interview with Philippines newsmen in Peking today.

Leaders Away

Political observers in Manila said tonight the Chinese Premier's offer would strengthen the position of outgoing Nationalist Senator Carlo Recto, who is in favour of establishing relations with Peking and opposed to President Ramon Magsaysay's policy.

Since the Senatorial elections are imminent and most Philippine leaders were away in the provinces campaigning, no official comment on the Chinese offer was forthcoming yet. — *France-Press*.

Church Service For Kabaka

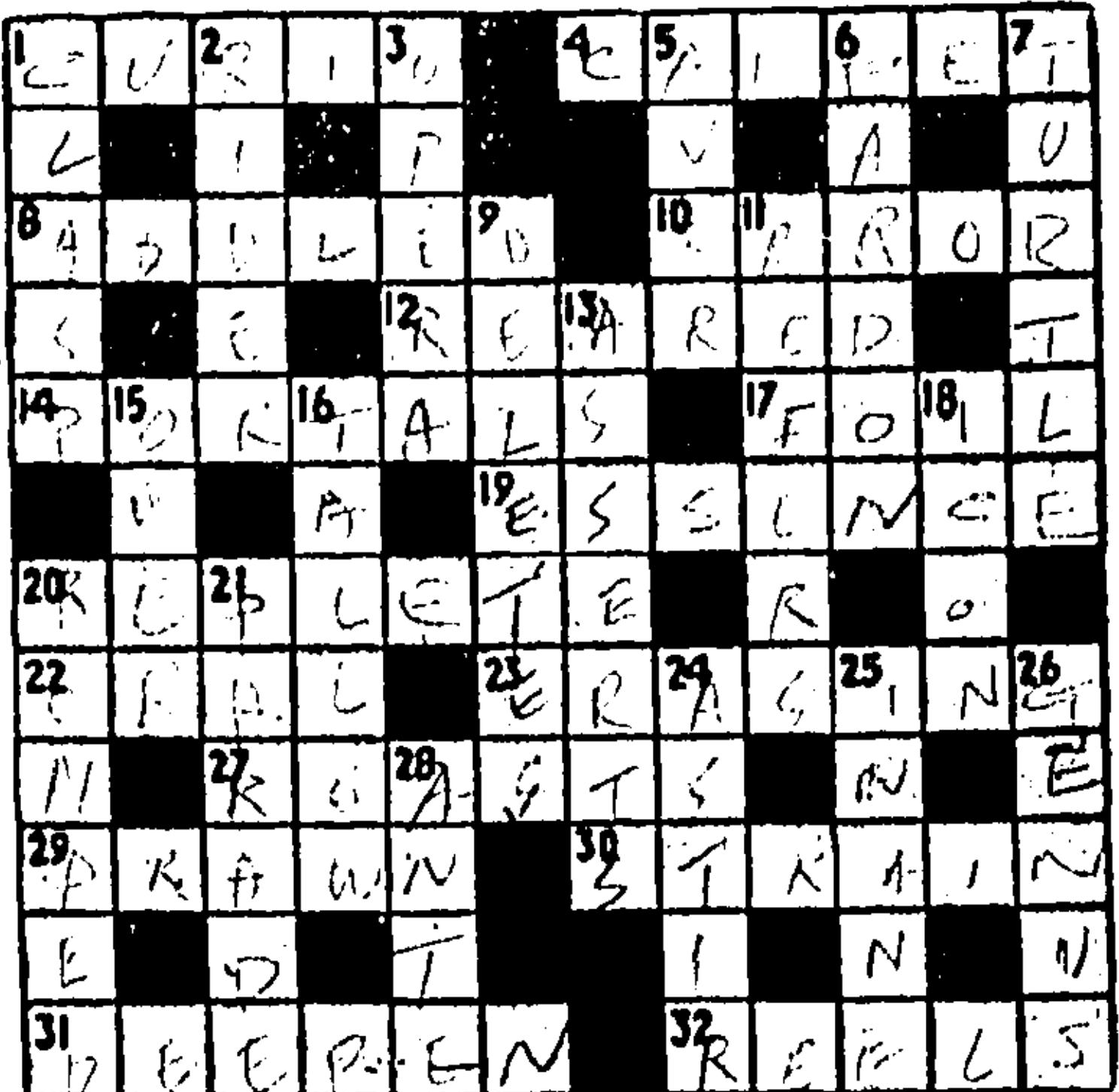
Entebbe, Oct. 23. Thousands of the subjects of the Kabaka Mutesa II attended special church services throughout Uganda today in thanksgiving for the Kabaka's return from two years of exile.

The Kabaka, with his Nubegereza (queen), attended a service conducted by the Bishop of Uganda (the Right Reverend Leslie W. Brown) at Namirembe Anglican Cathedral.

With the Governor of Uganda, Sir Andrew Cohen, and many other Government officials, they heard the Bishop declare:

"We have called upon God in our trouble and he has answered us. Our nation has been brought to a turning point in its history." — *China Mail Special*.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Museum piece (5).
- 4 Floor covering (6).
- 5 Condensed (6).
- 8 Slip (6).
- 12 Brought up (6).
- 14 Gateways (7).
- 17 Defeat (4).
- 19 Extract (7).
- 20 Full (7).
- 22 Spoken (4).
- 23 Rubbing out (7).
- 27 Cooks (6).
- 29 Shellish (6).
- 30 Stress (6).
- 31 Make more profound (8).
- 32 Sluggers (5).

DOWN

- 1 Clutch (6).
- 2 Additional clause (6).
- 3 Musical work (5).
- 5 Ascet (4).
- 6 Forgive (6).
- 7 Reprove (6).
- 9 Expunge (7).
- 11 Allude to (6).
- 13 Affirms (7).
- 15 Past (4).
- 16 Candle-grease (6).
- 18 Sacred figure (4).
- 20 Frolicked (6).
- 21 Show off (6).
- 24 On the move (5).
- 25 Foolish (5).
- 26 Kind (6).
- 28 Poker stake (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3, Arranged; 8, Open; 9, Estimate; 11, Elevated; 13, Fall; 15, Competed; 18, Districts; 19, Lent; 21, Congress; 25, Compose; 26, Lien; 27, Disaster; 28, Lent; 1, Rose; 2, Ball; 4, Root; 5, Ard; 6, Grace; 7, Shell; 9, Eased; 10, Tenant; 12, Looset; 14, Lutes; 16, Tenor; 17, Dropped; 19, Laicise; 20, Names; 21, Octave; 22, More; 23, Exit; 24, Sing.



Miss World Contest

Last Thursday judges had the hard but delightful task of selecting "Miss World" from among these luscious beauties at the Lyceum, London. The winner was Miss Susana Djulim (Venezuela), extreme right (back row) and Miss Margaret Anne Haywood (USA) on her right. In picture are back row, left to right: Pastora Pagan (Honduras); Arna Hjorleifsdottir (Iceland); Evelyn Foley (Elie); Miriam Roitier (Israel); Franca Incorvola (Italy); Susana Djulim (Venezuela).

Front row, left to right: Beverley Prowse (Australia); Ghislain Rosette (Belgium); Vlora Sia Guarrina (Ceylon); Gilda Marin (Cuba); Karin Palm (Denmark); Mirja Orvokki Arvinen (Finland); Giselle Thirry (France); Jennifer Climes (Great Britain) and Engelina Kalliova (Holland). — *Express Photo*.

French Deputies Weigh Chances In Elections

By Harold King

Paris, Oct. 24. Six hundred French deputies have this week-end "taken the country's pulse" to see whether snap elections in December would be popular and would help them get re-elected.

The Government's bill to legalise a poll in December instead of next June, when it is due, will be tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday. The first discussion on the subject is expected on Friday, when the Deputies will decide whether to give urgent priority to a debate on the subject or not.

The centre right wing forces important votes on Morocco and supporting snap elections are Algeria, but he added that the year 1956, especially in its first part, would be historically a period of decisions and undertakings.

"In this respect I cite two examples which are not the only ones. The definition of the ties between France and Morocco, where the maintenance of our presence within necessary evolution is a higher imperative; and on the other hand the definition of Algeria's place in the French community from which she cannot be detached." — *China Mail Special*.

It seems certain that the authorities take a graver view of the position in North Africa than they allow to find expression in their public announcements.

The Defence Minister, General Pierre Billotte, has returned from a four-day tour of visits to Tunis, Algiers and Rabat. Usually reliable quarters said he was convinced France faces a long, expensive and arduous task in North Africa.

It seems likely from recent Government statements, more men will have to be called up to deal with the rebellion in North Africa, the resulting political unpopularity would fall chiefly on the centre and right-wing parties.

A new parliament with deputies assured of five years of office is thought more likely to take unpopular if necessary decisions than one facing elections only six months distant.

Opponents of a December poll say it will bring back 140 instead of the present 100 Communists. Some even think it would mean a landslide for a new "popular front" coalition.

The Australian version of the American F-86 Sabrejet is powered by a British Rolls-Royce Avon engine and is reported to have broken the sound barrier on its first official flight near Melbourne recently.

The Avon Sabrejet is claimed to be the only major Peronist organisation that has not been disbanded or drastically reorganised by the Lonardi regime.

Asked whether Argentina would need "very intensive aid from outside" to restore its economy, President Lonardi replied: "I have the loyal and sincere backing of the trade unions and the labour movement... I am convinced that if we follow a policy of austerity, which we need for this country to recuperate its former position, there is no doubt that I can count on the labour groups."

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Asked whether Argentina would need "very intensive aid from outside" to restore its economy, President Lonardi said: "Without any doubt we shall need foreign aid. In what measure and to what extent I could not say now."

The provisional President said his government would remain in power only as long as necessary to arrange "free and as nearly as possible impartial elections" and then the election in favour of the people chosen by the people.

San Nicolas, Aruba, Oct. 23. Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands left by air today for St. Maarten to board a ship which will carry them to Saba, next stop on their tour of Dutch possessions in Latin America.

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No Complaint

He told local parliamentarians and councillors of all parties except the Communists, at a luncheon that the decision to hold early elections was "irreversible".

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United Press.

PRESIDENT LOPEZ' VISIT TO UK NATO Partnership Significance

Washington, Oct. 23.

One important aspect of the coming state visit of Portuguese President Francisco Higino de Oliveira Lopes to Great Britain is increased public awareness of Portugal's role of a reliable partner in the Western defence alliance.

This is the view held by United States officials who long have acknowledged the substantial contribution the Iberian nation has extended to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation since 1950.

These officials feel, however, that public opinion with its interest focused mainly on the activities of the larger world powers tend to overlook the important participation of the smaller nations in the free world's defence system.

President Eisenhower and other leaders of the Western alliance, on the other hand, have repeatedly stressed that the democracies could not function properly if it were not for the support of these nations.

Close Co-operation

One instance of the close co-operation among the Western nations is the forthcoming Paris NATO council meeting at which the Foreign Ministers of France, Britain and the United States will share their plans for the Geneva conference with the Foreign Ministers of all other NATO partners.

Portuguese Foreign Minister Dr. Paulo Cunha may still be able to attend the Paris talks, scheduled for next Wednesday, before he joins President Lopes in London. Should the President want him along when he meets Queen Elizabeth on Tuesday, however, then Marcelo Caetano, Minister of the Presidency, will represent Portugal at the council.

As if to emphasise the voice of the smaller countries, US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles recently had a round of talks with Halvard Lange and Joseph Luns, the Foreign Ministers of Norway and Holland, respectively.

On November 30, the Secretary expects Dr. Cunha on a three-day official visit to Washington.

US officials have expressed great satisfaction over Dr. Cunha's acceptance of the invitation.

He was here last in 1950 after attending a NATO council meeting in New York.

Officials observed that there are no outstanding matters between the two countries and that in inviting Dr. Cunha, Mr. Dulles primarily wished an occasion for a frank exchange of views at a time when Western solidarity is facing the challenge of Russia's new "soft" foreign policy.

Wartime Help

They said that the people of the United States still remember Portugal for its wartime help in letting this country and Great Britain utilise the Azores for naval and air bases.

The agreement on the Azores, they pointed out, probably was one of the most far-reaching contracts conceded by a neutral nation during World War II.

Infringement

● 4. Continued occupation of any part of India by a foreign power will be an infringement of Indian sovereignty. The attitude of every government on the question of the Portuguese settlements in India was an acid test of its professions of peace and its loyalty to the United Nations Charter.

● 5. There should be an end to colonialism and imperialism. Member nations who voted at the United Nations General Assembly for inclusion of Algeria on the agenda were congratulated. — *Reuter*.

Pakistan Envoy Recalled

Kabul, Oct. 23. The Pakistan Ambassador was ordered by his government today to leave Afghanistan following the recall of the Afghan Charge d'Affaires from Kusachi.

Circles close to the government here believe his recall was a natural conclusion of political disagreements between the two countries, remaining unsolved.

It was believed possible the Afghanistan-Pakistan border may be closed again. — *United Press*.

St. Paul's Service

London, Oct. 23. Britain's naval leaders today attended a special service at St. Paul's Cathedral to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

Admiral Lord Nelson, victor of the battle and England's most famous seaman, is buried in the Cathedral crypt.

The service was attended by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, members of the Board of the Admiralty and a representative naval contingent. — *China Mail Special*.

HKAAA OPEN MEETING

A GOOD SEASON AHEAD IN MIDDLE AND LONG DISTANCE RUNNING

By "RECORDER"

There is a good season ahead in the middle and long distance running. Results at yesterday's HKAAA Open Meeting, the first athletic meeting of the new season, suggest this. There were grim struggles over both the Half Mile and Mile route, with even the unplaced very much in the hunt, and some of the Colony's best runners at these distances were not in action.

On the basis of the performances in the two-day meeting at the Army ground, Boundary Street, it seems that the Colony records for 800 Metres, 880 Yards, 1,500 Metres, One Mile, Three Miles, 6,000 Metres, 400 Metres and 440 Yards Low Hurdles, Pole Vault, Hop, Step and Jump and Discus Throw will be threatened this season.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the success of the Royal Air Force, who took third place in the 440 Yards, first in the 800 Yards, first and second in the Mile, fourth in the Pole Vault, fourth in the Long Jump, second in the Hop, Step and Jump and first in the Shot Put and Discus Throw.

No Colony records fell. One of two records that did fall was a most interesting one, the Boundary Street ground record in the Ladies' Long Jump which went to South China's diminutive Fung Slik at 13 feet 11 1/4 inches. The old record of 15 feet 8 inches was set on December 21, 1952, by Rita Hall.

Not one of the great triumvirate of Rita Hall, Deborah Hurlbut or Jennifer Hart ever did do well in the Long Jump at Boundary Street and outside of Rita Hall's one solitary effort of 13 feet 9 inches, none of the three did better than 15 feet 3 inches at any other meeting held on the same ground.

The South China AA runners showed the value of their summer training school programme, though it seems that the middle and long distance runners from Caroline Hill have overcome this and could do with a month's rest from serious training.

MOST NOTABLE

Most notable South China success was the victory of Loung Kam-ching over HKAAC's Samuel Lo. Kam-ching, who has been a keen competitor without much success for quite a few seasons now, showed that persistence wins finally as he won in 9.23 seconds from Samuel Lo (9.27). Only Capt. R. A. F. Reep (9.15) and Lo Wing-chuen (9.22) have ever gone over the 400 Metres or 440 Yards Hurdles faster at Boundary Street.

With South China's Ho Hit-po, the Colony Champion and possibly Malcolm Marsh and Tony Collaco of KHAAC running in this event at future meetings, prospects of a new Colony record at either the 400 Metres or 440 Yards Hurdles faster at Boundary Street.

A surprising reversal was that suffered by Lee Shu-chung, who last season returned 2 minutes 4 seconds for the 800 Metres in taking second place in the Colony Championship, in the 880 Yards.

Both Martin of RAF and Lt. Wade of the Army are undoubtedly strong runners, but Lee Shu-chung has been in serious training now for the best part of two months. His defeat can only be ascribed to staleness from overtraining and bad tactics. Even Bruce Tulloh, in fourth place, challenged Lee Shu-chung in the home straight.

R. N. Randles of the RAF won the Mile in 4 minutes 42 seconds and the field here again was a strong one. With Lt. Keith Birch, Mike Curzon, A. L. Smith and an improving Tulloh available for this event, some good races should be witnessed in future meetings with Randles, Martin and M. Keough of Army AA—the first three yesterday.

R. H. Pape of the RNAC looked the fastest distance runner ever seen in this Colony as he won the Three Miles in 15 minutes 24.5 seconds.

Even though he did not completely outclass that veteran of many local races, Capt. A. L. Smith, but he lopped off all of South China's great trio of Lee Kam-hung, Chan Klim-hung and Chun King-yin, Lt. P. Boorman of Army AA was a good third.

SPEED GATHERER

An interesting performance yesterday was Frank Waller's 10.8 seconds for fourth place in the 440 Yards. He had entered the event as part of a programme to pick up speed for the Half Mile, drew the outside lane and led the field for nearly three-quarters of the circuit.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Programmes and Entry Forms for the 1st Race Meeting, 1955/56 to be held on Saturday 5th and Monday 7th November, 1955, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 25th October, 1955.

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A. E. ARNOLD,
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TURPIN GOES UNDER



A dazed Randolph Turpin crumples to the canvas as husky Canadian dock worker Gordon Wallace blunders over his prostrate body during the fight at Harringay Arena, North London on October 18, a fight which crushed the Briton's hopes for an early tilt at the World Light-Heavyweight title.

After Turpin had twice taken counts, one of seven and the other of eight, Wallace knocked him out in the fourth round.—Reuterphoto.

Eastern Collect Two More Points With Easy 5-1 Win Over Saints

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Unbeaten Eastern collected two more points in the Senior Division League with a easy 5-1 win over St Joseph's at the Caroline Hill stadium yesterday.

Yesterday saw Eastern's eight successive win. Although they took things rather easily and won with plenty in hand, it was the Saints who provided a 34th minute shock when they netted a surprise goal through left-winger, M. Alberto who had Yong Poy-dor beaten for the only occasion in the match.

Eastern were visibly rattled by this early debacle. They made mistakes. Had it not been for some stoic-hearted defending by Yong Poy-dor, the Saints might have easily added another goal. Texeira, in particular, played a useful part in keeping Eastern's forwards at bay for a spell.

But Eastern dispelled all doubts as to the possibility of an upset and they went on calmly and unhurriedly to build up a big 4-1 lead by the 77th minute which St Joseph's could not close.

When Eastern opened up in force after the 19th minute, the Saints, like a sinking ship in a fierce storm, hung on desperately before the storm blew over and when it did blow over they were on top from the 28th to the 39th minute and it was during this period that they were able to net their solitary goal.

Eastern's forwards really made Texeira work overtime to go when "Fatty" Minto joined All Khan in the last wicket stand. The field crowded in. All looked confident enough in the situation but Minto was having a rough time.

His statement afterwards that "Never was I so nervous in all my cricket days" did not tally with another post-match remark from a teammate that "Fatty's bat looked as big as a tray."

The wicket, which had been watered on the late side, did not suit Buji Dhaber's bowling. He took 3 for 49. Most successful Craigengower bowler was K. M. Watkins, right arm medium to slow and able to turn the ball both ways, who took four for 23. Watkins, it is understood, will not be available for long as he is leaving for Saigon.

Eastern's forwards were still

getting his hands to the ball before it could travel further.

Yong Poy-dor was again tested by St Joseph's left-winger Alberto in the 80th minute and this time it really took the best out of keeper Yong for he had to jump high to effect a very good save that would have been

smoothly, perhaps too smoothly, for suddenly, against the run of play, the Eastern side opened the score in the 19th minute. Ho Ying-fun and Hau Cheng-to, Texeira on both occasions, had to dive full length to stop the ball which threatened to roll into the net.

St Joseph's right-winger G. Pereira and later Alberto had a crack at goal but both took such a long time to get into scoring position that they lost the ball to Eastern's full-back Tan Kar-saw.

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THE OTHER END

Over at the other end Easton in goal stopped two almost certain goals off the boots of Eastern's Lou Che-lam and Hau Cheng-to. Texeira on both occasions had to dive full length to stop the ball which threatened to roll into the net.

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LADIES' EVENTS

100 YARDS DASH—1. Ho May-dor (RAF) 10.24s; 2. Lt. Wade (Army AA) 10.25s; 3. Lee Shu-chung (SCAA) 10.26s; 4. R. N. Randles (RAF) 10.34s; 5. M. Keough (Army AA) 10.35s; 6. S. Lo (RAF) 10.36s; 7. C. M. Brand (Army AA) 10.37s; 8. C. M. Brand (Army AA) 10.38s; 9. C. M. Brand (Army AA) 10.39s; 10. C. M. Brand (Army AA) 10.40s.

ONE MILE BUN—1. P. N. Randles (RAF) 49.430s; 2. K. Martin (Army AA) 49.430s; 3. M. D. T. Tulloh (Army AA) 49.430s.

THREE MILES RUN—1. R. H. Pape (RAF) 16m. 10.2s; 2. Lt. Wade (Army AA) 16m. 10.2s; 3. Lee Shu-chung (SCAA) 16m. 10.2s; 4. Lee Kam-hung (SCAA) 16m. 10.2s.

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SATURDAY'S RUGGER

The One Surprise Was The Defeat Of Club "A" By 48 Brigade

By "PAK LO"

First and foremost, in complete contrast with my contemporaries in the Sunday press, let me state that the games played on Saturday were played under the Laws of the Rugby Football Union, and NOT the Rugby League.

And now the games themselves. The one surprise was the defeat of the Club "A" XV by 48 Brigade, for on paper the Club team were the stronger of the two. Otherwise the games went according to expectations.

The Gunners proved themselves too good for the Navy and torpedoed the Navy's hopes by 19 points to 3 points. The RAF Mainland narrowly staved off defeat by the Police and RAF Island could consider themselves lucky to win by a margin of two points. Club "B" went one better than last week and just by 29 points, up against 28 points the previous week, to nil.

THE BEST GAME

Without doubt the best game of the afternoon was the Navy versus Gunners clash. The Gunners played a superior brand of rugby in every department particularly in the first half, but in the second half they let themselves be lulled into security by their 18-point lead and very nearly paid the penalty for it in the second half when the Navy were on top and had the Navy only been able to finish off their moves the score would have been vastly different.

The Navy never let up, even when faced by the first half deficit, not deserve full credit for making this a sparkling game.

The Gunners forwards took the scrum in the ratio of 2-1 and the line outs in the ratio of 3-2, and Glen getting plenty of the ball was able to stud his last three away to score his and again.

Gerrard played a very fine game in the centre, and was well backed up by the other threes, and Mauder, playing on the wing in place of Anderson, proved himself a very able substitute and his place kicking was excellent. Wyss, the other centre, showed a very deceptive weave, and plenty of speed, while Harrison also deserves praise.

The Navy threes were also good, but lacking a plentiful supply of the ball could not get going, and at times their handling in contrast to that of the Gunners was sloppy. Sherwood gave a good service from the scrum, but was continually harassed by the Gunners' wing forwards.

The Gunners opened with a very determined attack, and within a few minutes Buckley got the ball and crossed the line, then added the two extra points for the conversion, 5-0.

The Gunners maintained the pressure, and sure enough after a few more minutes Glen added another three points when he whipped through to score well out. The conversion was missed, 8-0.

Then at last the Navy got going with a grand rush by going with the forwards, but Rowe cleared it well up and the Gunners returned to the attack. On the Navy 25 there was a scrum and the ball came loose and was snatched up by Wyss, and he sent Gerrard over about five yards in from touch. Mauder converted the difficult kick, 13-0.

Still the relentless pressure was kept up and in the dying minutes of the first half the Navy took the ball at their feet to halfway but instead of keeping on tried to pick the ball up and were knocked on.

The ball came smartly back to Wyss who weaved his way through the opposition for a good 20 yards before passing on to Harrison, who sprinted the rest of the way to score the two out. Mauder added the two points with a nice conversion.

In the second half the Gunners attacked in the opening minutes, but the Navy at last found their short legs, and soon had the Gunners penned in their own half. Then they really put the pressure on and after a few minutes their tempe were awarded.

A nice three move was stopped with five yards to go and in the resultant scrum the Navy forwards heeded and took the ball over the line for their opening score, 18-3. The conversion was missed.

Despite heroic endeavours by the Navy for the rest of the second half they never again managed to cross the Gunners' line.

RAF Mainland v. Police

The RAF were a disappointment in this game. None of the three seemed to be able to combine successfully, and the scoring by the RAF came in patches. In the second half for a few minutes the RAF looked quite impressive as they scored their two goals, but then they faded completely from the scene.

Logan of the RAF had a very good game, and mainly thanks to his efforts the Police never crossed the Almen's line, but it was Johnstone of the Police who was the man of the match. He came in at the last moment, and Lelliott moved into the pack in place of Greene. And what a difference he made!

Jesse Owens Impressed By Spore Athletes

Singapore, Oct. 23.

American sprinter Jesse Owens left today for Batu Pahat in South Malaya after coaching Singapore athletes in the finer arts of running.

Owens had planned to run a 50-metre dash with Singapore's top sprinters on Saturday but a pouring rain blocked his plans.

He told newsmen before his departure this morning he was impressed by the "courteous and interesting set of athletes" in Singapore.

He told Singapore sports officials that they should send a team to the Melbourne Olympics.—United Press.

Frank Sedgman May Form His Own Professional Group

Melbourne, Oct. 23.

The Australian tennis star, Frank Sedgman, indicated today that he was not interested in an invitation by the American promoter, Jack Kramer, to rejoin Kramer's touring professional troupe this year.

At the same time, the former Davis Cup player said he may form his own professional squad within two years, but admitted that amateurs Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, who recently turned down a Kramer offer to turn pro, would be needed to make his tour worthwhile.

"When Hoad and Rosewall are ready to turn pro," said Sedgman, "I'm sure they will consider an offer from me."

Sedgman added that Ken McGregor, another prominent Australian professional, would be interested in joining his squad.

"We four would rival anything Kramer could put up," he said, "but any tour by us would have to be limited to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, South America and Europe."

When Kramer failed to line up Hoad and Rosewall for this year's tour, the American said he probably would count on Sedgman and Pancho Segura for another worldwide trip.

REJECTED OFFER

Meanwhile, Pancho Segura, highly ranked professional tennis player, said Rosewall had signed an agreement with Kramer before they rejected his offer.

Segura said, however, that he believed the Rosewall agreement "would have been conditional wherein final announcement would be made if Rosewall returned to Australia to think about it and consult his parents."

Kramer would neither confirm nor deny Segura's statements. He said he had offered the 20-year-old star US\$45,000 each "against various percentages of gate receipts" if they would turn pro.

"I can't make any statements," said Kramer. "I'm sidestepping the whole thing. I don't want to cause any further trouble."—United Press.

Los Angeles, Oct. 23.

Tennis promoter Jack Kramer said today he was "sorry" that the Australian tennis star, Frank Sedgman, turned down an offer to rejoin Kramer's professional troupe this year.

"I didn't offer Sedgman anything definite," said Kramer. "I sent him a cable asking if he was interested. Later we discussed the matter over the telephone."

"Sedgman's proposal is very interesting," Kramer said.

Club "A" v. 48 Brigade

And last but by no means least we come to the Club "A" versus 48 Brigade.

The Club forwards definitely lacked fire in everything they did, and were slow off the mark in the loose. The backs still retained their fault of kicking too much. This is all very well when the forwards are backing up but since they were not it was virtual suicide.

The 48 Brigade, on the other hand, settled down well, and Keir sent out some nice crisp passes to his waiting threes.

Blincoe on the wing was the best of the threes and he and Moore made a good combination. Keir's kicking was very good, while the Club had no one approaching his stature.

For all this the 48 Brigade at times made a mess of things, and while they are an improved team over last week, are by no means up to the Gunners' standard.

The first score was by Blincoe from a nice three move, which Keir converted 5-0.

With the Brigade on the attack the Club were penalised and Keir converted to make it 8-0.

The Club attacked in their turn and were given a chance and O'Reilly converted to make it 8-3.

Finally Keir added another penalty kick and the 48 Brigade ran off the field the deserving winners by 11-3.

Gunnars: Rowe, Mauder, Gerrard, Wyss, Harrison, Jackson, Glen, Coletti, Barker, Chandler, Robinson, Kelly, Buckley, Gatehouse, Cunningham, Jenkins, Postin, Lloyd, Hewitt, Holt, Davies, Sherwood, Mitchell, Davis, Gale, Peterson, Dey, Turner, Voyer, Pogson, Johnstone, Olney, Brown, Maran, Nairn, Walker, Lloyd, Brown, Cunningham, Purves, Lelliott, Dawson, Shirley, Rose, Bryan.

RAF Mainland: Logan, Hobson, McDonald, L. C. G. Davies, Lamb, Panther, Page, Thomas, Tuten.

RAF Island: Cornish, Hodges, Lewis, Cody, Fleming, McGarrett, Murphy, Worthy, Edwards, Gale, Maran, Anderson, Southwick, Phillips, Woolf.

27 Brigade: Chaffey, Gadd, Blackburn, Hubbard, Parker, Parker, Parker, Tait, Holden, Boonbeck, Tait, Tait, Settle, Hawkins, McCullagh, MacLean, McGahey.

Garrison: Jones, Williams, Owen, Smith, Ladd, Carter, Price, Cross, Sinner, Dowling, Hodge, Phillips, Duffett.

26 Brigade: Bishop, Ingles, Moore, Price, Purves, Kerr, Allan, Davies, Price, Foxall, de Cordova, Edmonds, McCormick, Nixon.

Club "A": Roberta, Stone, Penman, Verner, G. C. Cole, Cole, Black, Russell, Williams, Carpenter, Talamo, Elliott, Kerr, Barker.

Club "B": Martin, Purves, Spencer, Price, Williams, Fawcett, Fletcher, Knight, Rankin, Thompson, Harrow, Clark, R. N. Other.

On Wednesday night, the Club will be playing the Pukaki on the Club ground at 6 p.m.

ROYAL AIR FORCE 2, ARMY 3

An Airborne Freak Goal By McInnes Stunned These Unlucky Airmen

By I. M. MacTAVISH

If this game, which was played at Causeway Bay yesterday, had finished at half-time there would be many pleasant memories of some grand soccer. Unfortunately the laws require two sessions to be played in every game and the general deterioration that set into the second stanza of this one takes much of the gill off the picture.

The two teams were well matched and the soldiers were just a shade fortunate to collect both points although in the closing stages they came near to increasing their lead.

The opening whistle set the players into top gear right away and some good on-the-carpet football was seen. With a penalty shot of it and converted a penalty 8-3.

Finally Keir added another penalty kick and the 48 Brigade ran off the field the deserving winners by 11-3.

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RAF Mainland: Logan, Hobson, McDonald, L. C. G. Davies, Lamb, Panther, Page, Thomas, Tuten.

RAF Island: Cornish, Hodges, Lewis, Cody, Fleming, McGarrett, Murphy, Worthy, Edwards, Gale, Maran, Anderson, Southwick, Phillips, Woolf.

27 Brigade: Chaffey, Gadd, Blackburn, Hubbard, Parker, Parker, Parker, Tait, Holden, Boonbeck, Tait, Tait, Settle, Hawkins, McCullagh, MacLean, McGahey.

Garrison: Jones, Williams, Owen, Smith, Ladd, Carter, Price, Cross, Sinner, Dowling, Hodge, Phillips, Duffett.

26 Brigade: Bishop, Ingles, Moore, Price, Purves, Kerr, Allan, Davies, Price, Foxall, de Cordova, Edmonds, McCormick, Nixon.

Club "A": Roberta, Stone, Penman, Verner, G. C. Cole, Cole, Black, Russell, Williams, Carpenter, Talamo, Elliott, Kerr, Barker.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Supplementary Budget Speculation

Harrogate Conference Criticised

London, Oct. 24. The Manchester Guardian said yesterday in an editorial headed "Cottons Future":

"Lancashire has been getting a bad name among the politicians lately for political remedies for declining trade. The grievances can be well enough understood even if they are not easy to remedy. This, however, is only one side of the picture. The other was given at the Cotton Board's Harrogate conference at the weekend.

"Lancashire is not to be saved by tariffs or quotas, but it can maintain a fair-sized tract if it improves its competitive efficiency but it is being beaten on price, often by narrow margins. And it is possible to make savings in production costs that may make all the difference, but everybody agreed that Lancashire cannot compete so long as a single-shift system is worked and even a double shift system (of 37½ hours and a 20 per cent increase of wages) is not everything.

TIMES COMMENT

The London Times, in an editorial on the same subject, said:

"At the Cotton Board's annual conference at Harrogate Mr. Thorneycroft reaffirmed with courageous clarity the government's determination not to alter their policy in international trade to help the cotton industry. The cotton manufacturers, disturbed by imports from India and Hongkong and by the decline of their exports, seek more protection and the abandonment of the policy of preference to Commonwealth suppliers. This would be contrary to the government's Commonwealth policy (and would endanger other preferences) and to their general trade policy symbolised by the recent re-negotiation of the GATT.

"The object of GATT is to increase world trade by reducing trade barriers and adequate safeguards but progressively. Because Mr. Thorneycroft has been President of the Board of Trade since the Conservatives returned to office in 1951 he bears the brunt of all the criticism of this trade policy from those whom it hurts and those who disagree with it. But it is nevertheless not his policy only that of the whole government which according to the more vigorous critics at Harrogate is "murdering the cotton industry."

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SOME MEASURES ARE CERTAIN BUT WHAT ARE THE SURPRISES?

By Ronald Boxall

London, Oct. 23.

The announcement that Mr. Butler is to introduce a supplementary budget next Wednesday took observers completely by surprise. Previous measures of restraint—notably the credit squeeze—were in the Chancellor's own words beginning to bite. September trade returns showed encouraging improvement over earlier months and terms of trade were moving back into Britain's favour. Sterling was on the upgrade and all in all Mr. Butler's assurance that there was not a crisis appeared to be more than a politician's wishful thinking.

Up to the time of the announcement financial observers had all but convinced themselves that the next disinflationary attack would be on government's own vast spending programme. Cut in subsidies—certainly on housing; possibly on agriculture—was openly canvassed. With the inflationary situation responding to past treatment this was all that seemed necessary to keep the national economy on the right track.

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New York Stock Market Review

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Oct. 23.

Stocks registered their first weekly advance this past week since the market fell sharply on President Eisenhower's illness.

The gain which amounted to 13.79 points in the industrial average was the best for that figure since the post-election boom of 1954—the week ended November 5, 1954. The average closed at 468.47.

The rail average closed the week at 151.45, up 2.08 points, best gain since the week ended September 9. Utilities finished at 62.51, up 1.03, their best rise since July 22, 1955. The 65 stock average finishing at 102.89, up 4.05 made its best gain since March 4.

Trading declined from the recent pace.

Also there was a big batch of highly favourable earnings reports and dividend actions, plus more to come. Business held high. Investors returned to the buying side.

Monday's market revealed a change of first of the week activity. The market broke its line of sharp Monday declines and industrials rose more than a point.

Blue Chips

The rise was dominated this past week by the blue-chips—the top ranking of major groups.

Aircrafts were up on huge orders placed by airlines as

well as high military orders. Motors were boosted on a resumption of heavy production. Chemicals with high earnings outlook featured in several sessions. Oils were bought heavily by investors who believed they were behind the market.

There were good gains in issues of the textile, tobacco, building, television, electrical equipment, food, and mercantile groups. Utilities were lifted late in the week by special strength in two issues.

Wall Street experts said the market performed very well. Many of them felt that, barring some dividend disappointments, the high level of earnings reports could keep the rise going for some time longer.

The analysis issued themselves getting new lists of suggestions for purchases. They stressed issues believed behind the market. They noted that the recent decline had wiped yields and left many issues in an attractive position for market appreciation. —United Press.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Oct. 23.

Cotton futures trading this past week became more two-sided, in a less active market as traders pondered the question of future price supports in face of a steadily increasing national surplus of raw cotton.

At Friday's close the list ruled 39 points higher to 41 points lower, or up \$1.05 to off \$2.05 a bale compared with the preceding week.

While the nearby months, with December in the lead, kept edging higher, the new-crop months kept working lower. The discount on new crop December under the current spot month widened to \$16 a bale, an increase of \$3 for the week.

Strength in the current months was coupled with: 1. Shipper covering against export commitments, possibly Korea; 2. A steady reduction in the stock of cotton available for contract delivery; 3. A belief that supplies in commercial channels are apt to tighten up when the peak of the harvesting season is over and producers speed the rate of entries into the loan.

To mention these things, however, is to show how tricky the present situation is. For action to control investment—either in new industrial capital or consumer durable goods—would to put it mildly, be politically embarrassing for the Conservative government. But that would not matter if it was the right thing to do. The question is: is it?

A cut in industrial investment could be brought about quite simply by withdrawing or reducing investment allowances against income tax at present granted to concerns that invest in new buildings or equipment. And if this were done on a selective basis so as to damp down the least desirable forms of investment, it might be justified economically.

Alternative

To discriminate between one of investment and another, however, would brand the government in the eyes of many of their supporters as little more than Socialist "planners." The alternative—to enforce a general cut in investment throughout the economy by fiscal means on top of the previous monetary restraints—might be more acceptable to the Conservative theorists. But at best it would restrain demand at the expense of slowing down Britain's efforts to make herself economically stronger in the highly competitive world and at worst it might induce more disinflation than is either necessary or desirable.

An enforced cut in the public's spending on durable consumer goods is also open to objection though for different reasons. Insofar as the boom has been caused by too much spending on the hire-purchase plan it will sooner or later correct itself without official intervention. For money that is earmarked for future instalment payments cannot be spent on other things, and this must relieve the pressure on too much money chasing too few goods.

However, if it is the Chancellor's intention to discourage spending on goods like refrigerators and motorcars in order to leave more free for exports, he could do so without the budget. The only measure in this direction that would require parliamentary sanction is the introduction of a completely new purchase tax range.

A further possibility that has been canvassed is an increase in tax on distributed profits designed to restrain dividend payments. Political justification would be that this might induce the trade unions to be more restrained in their wage demands. But, economically, it would be unjustifiable.

All in all the Chancellor's field of action is considerably restricted—other by political considerations or of the risk of toppling the coalition far in the other direction. If one thing is more certain than another it is that, after next Wednesday's manoeuvre for action against the real cause of the present inflation—oversized government expenditure—will become even more insistent. —London Express Service.

Formosa's Ban On Canned Fish

Tokyo, Oct. 23.

Japanese exporters of canned fish have asked the Foreign Office to open talks with the National Government on Formosa's ban on canned fish imports, it was reported today.

Formosa was one of Japan's biggest markets for canned fish particularly sardines and mackerel before it banned imports early last month.

The Formosan restriction on canned fish imports has hurt the Japanese all the more because at least two other Southeast Asian nations have done the same.

Urgua and Indonesia recently dropped their imports because of tight foreign currency situation in the two nations.

Japan last year exported 58,275 cases of canned fish to Formosa. —United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$880,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

LOAN ENTRIES

Loan entries for the week ended Oct. 14 were 695,243,780 bales, the greatest amount for any week since the season started on Aug. 1. Impoundments so far of 750,000 bales are more than double the amount at the same time last year. Statisticians figured about 16 per cent of the ginnings so far are under the lorn canopy. Moreover, the government at the end of October will take over the 1,650,000 bales from the 1954

Informed sources also reported offerings of spot cotton have not been as free as a few weeks ago. As a result, selling prices under the loan have narrowed, and there are indications of an active holding movement among the growers.

The Census Bureau reported domestic consumption of all raw cotton in September at 874,637 bales compared with 817,458 bales used in the same period last year. Consumption since August 1 totalled 1,692,064 bales compared with 1,485,221 bales at the same period last season. —United Press.

COTTON

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season to October 18 were as follows:

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**Alleged
Insubordination**

**Testimony
By Chief
Officer**

Mr Henry Gates Bhorburn, Chief Officer of the British as Poplar Hill, testified how nine Dutch members of the ship's crew refused to work on several occasions, and how the alleged attempt of assault on the ship's master by five of them took place while the ship was at Whampoa ten days ago, as the trial of the men resumed at the Marine Court before Mr A. G. Parker this morning.

Mr Bhorburn, in his evidence, quoted one of the defendants as saying that at him at the time of the trial he was struggling with an apprentice on board who tried to stop the accused at the alleyway leading to the cabin's cabin on the night of October 13.

Six of the crewmen, Aard Paulus Schouten, Louis Eugene, Van Driess, Bert, Arnold Vrendenbom and Neet Jacobus Kaarteket, were charged with continuously and wilfully being drunk on board the Poplar Hill on October 13, 17, 18 and 19. Gerrit Dousmaester was charged with the same offence on October 17, 18 and 19, and the ninth defendant, Maesel Jacobson on October 13, 18 and 19, and the ninth defendant, Maesel Jacobson on October 13, 18 and 19.

All the defendants were also charged with impeding the progress of the voyage of the ship to Hong Kong on October 19.

Five of the defendants, Schouten, Van Driess, Vrendenbom, Vrendenbom and Neet Jacobus Kaarteket, were charged with attempting to assault the ship's master, Captain John Anthony G. Parker, and Messrs. Stokes and Master is representing the complainant, Captain Williams. Defendants are represented by Mr. D. J. Strellet, of Messrs. Bratt and Company. They pleaded not guilty.

The case began on Saturday when Captain Williams gave his own account of the alleged incidents.

WRONG PERSON

When Mr Nigel requested that Bonke be withdrawn from charge C as he had discovered Bonke was not the person who committed the charge. The person who should be charged was Frenzenberg. The request was granted and Vrendenbom was then formally charged.

Mr Nigel also pointed out that owing to the fact that the Poplar Hill would be due to leave port shortly, he would like to have the Captain and the Chief Officer to be reserved to enable other witnesses to finish their evidence and cross-examination have as early as possible. To this, both the Magistrate and the Defence Counsel agreed.

In a written box, Mr Bhorburn arrived at Whampoa at about 1.30 p.m. on October 14. A request from the defendants was made to him that they would like to have leave on the forenoon on the following day, being Saturday. He transmitted this to the master, who replied that a certain amount of work had to be done that morning and he (the captain) would take into consideration that leave would be granted on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

On Sunday, October 16, Mr Bhorburn continued to look a part of the crew's quarters before the captain conducted his inspection. He found all the five cabins were in a chaotic condition.

ISSUED MONEY

Witnesses went on to say that in the afternoon on Friday he assisted by some of the crew, issued an amount of money to the defendants, shore passes and their own passports. They went ashore later in the evening.

On the morning of October 18, Mr Bhorburn, who was on duty with the exception of Bonke, did not turn up to their duty. There was no work done by the other defendants that day. At about 10 a.m. the master, the boatswain and he himself had to take over the job of adjusting the deck gear, work not normally carried out by the crew.

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The defendants responsible for the chaotic state of the cabin were brought before the magistrate on Saturday and were logged. Those who were not working on Saturday were logged also at the same time.

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WON'T STARVE

So our Davis Cup stars Head and Rosewall have knocked back Professional Jack Kramer and his £20,000.

This means that Australian tennis will have them for a few more years, and while we would be the last to belittle their decision to remain amateurs, let's say that neither will starve to death.

No top line players in amateur tennis remain on the circuit, while it is estimated that Head's income from employment sources will be £20,000 a year.

There has been less to say about Head's financial set-up, but it is known that he and his new tennis playing wife, Jenny, are keen to make a playing trip abroad next year. He is also keen on winning Wimbledon before starting a pro career.

The dispute was finally settled and the ship got away.

One thing is certain: If their form holds after a few years, they will join the professional ranks, and from now on it is likely to be a duel between the twins.

This time they were on even money. By the time the next offer is made one will have asserted a superiority over the

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

**State Premier
Steals March On
Prime Minister**

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Oct. 18. The State Premier, Mr Cahill, has stolen rather a tactical march on the Prime Minister by deciding to hold his election on December 3.

While both Federal and State Governments had been hinting that they would go to the country before Christmas no one had taken them seriously. Two days before the Premier made his announcement we were talking to a Labour member well up in the Party who gave it out that an election was not likely before mid-January.

The best Mr. Menzies can do either, and from now on both will be flat out to add victories to their belts.

Meanwhile, it looks certain that they can house the Davis Cup down in mothballs for it looks like being here for some time.

HOUSING SHORTAGE

Because not so much is heard about the housing shortage these days it comes as a bit of a shock to find that homeless people are paying up to £17.10 a week for one room, just to keep a roof over their heads.

People moved to Sydney and those who have to stay here for any length of time are taking refuge in city residential and private hotels.

One homeless couple took a double room at 25/- each a night. It seemed a good proposition for a couple of nights while they looked around for a flat, but at the end of a week they had been unsuccessful in their research and the room had cost them £17.10.

And that's not paid by just one couple — it's paid each night while the days are spent in trudging the suburbs looking for a home of some sort.

IMMUNE TO POLIO

Scientists are wondering if New Guinea holds a clue to polio. A party may soon go to the New Guinea highlands to find why natives there are immune from the disease.

Dr N. G. Stanley, of Sydney, said he and other doctors had tested serum drawn from the blood of 50 natives and antibodies found in the serum gave immunity from polio.

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**Police Constable On
Corruption Charge**

A Police constable attached to the Traffic Department who allegedly extorted money from a garage supervisor faced trial before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning on two charges of corruption and extortion.

Represented by Mr R. W. S. Winter, (instructed by Mr E. S. Stevenson, of Messrs. J. C. Stewart and Son, the accused, Lui Yee-chuen, 24, a native of Shantung, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Lui was alleged to have corruptly received \$300 on account of himself and other members of the Traffic branch for forbearing to do their duty in respect of possible future breaches of Vehicle and Road Traffic Ordinance by the drivers of certain public vehicles under the supervision or control of one, Hung King-chuen, on July 13, 14 and 15, and on July 14, he and Hung met in a cafe in Lockhart Road where he wrote on a piece of paper supplied by a waiter, numbers relating to the NCOs and PCs who were on the Task Force.

Insp. Bodie said that Det. Sub-Asst. Ip Chi-chu, upon receiving \$300 from the Anti-Corruption Branch, gave the notes to Hung in the garage on the evening of July 15. Later, the accused arrived and spoke with Hung.

As the accused left the garage, he was stopped by Insp. Ip with the money in his shirt pocket. In the Police Station later, he made a cautioned statement and a statement in answer to the charge.

Hearing is continuing.

**United Nations
Day**

Today is United Nations

Day, and to mark the occasion, the United Nations radio has prepared major feature production 'Charter in a Saucer.'

This programme, written by Norman Corwin, and starring Laurence Olivier, was produced in London by the BBC feature department by Laurence Gillian, and it has a specially composed musical score written and conducted by Walter Goehr.

'Charter in A Saucer' will be broadcast by Radio Hong Kong at 9 o'clock this evening, and a Cantonese adaptation of the script will be heard on the Chinese Service at 8 p.m.

REPORT MADE

Later Hung reported to the Police and DPC Wan Chuen was directed to give certain instructions to Hung, Insp. Bodie said. Evidence would be given that the accused visited

the garage on July 14, 15 and 16.

Mr Justice Scholles sentenced the accused to be detained in a training centre.

When the charge was explained to him, he admitted his plea to one of the offences.

The Judge allowed him to read the defence's statement for the warning centre.

He had a report from the Commissioner of Persons, who had seen the accused and had told him he was suitable for such treatment.

Crown Counsel was also of the opinion that a training centre would do the best for him.

THE BEST PLACE

Mr Justice Scholles told the accused that there seemed to be extenuating circumstances in his case.

He admitted that he had been the result of a fight with his son, and without any weapons.

He had an admission of guilt.

He had a report from the Commissioner of Persons, who had seen the accused and had told him he was suitable for such treatment.

Crown Counsel was also of the opinion that a training centre would do the best for him.

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Medical evidence showed that the accused had a very thin blood vessel.

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